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SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Information on East German Air ForceScope of Responsibility

1. The East German Air Force is considered an independent air unit. Unlike the East German Naval Force, the Air Force is not regarded in Soviet and East German planning as a component part of a combined Soviet-Polish-East German force.

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Organizational Chart

2. The attached chart shows the organization of the East German Air Force (Luftstreitkraefte und Luftverteidigung) as of late 1957. In late 1957 or early 1958, when the office of the Chief of Staff was moved from Cottbus to Eggersdorf, certain internal changes were made in the structure of the Air Force, details of which are not known.
3. In addition to the two Flieger Divisions shown on the chart, there are probably one or two more Flieger Divisions in existence. It is not known where these might be located.

Composition of Flieger Division

4. A Flieger Division is composed of the following units:

- a group (Gruppe) consists of 3 airplanes
- a squadron (Staffel) consists of 3 groups-
- a wing (Geschwader) consists of 3 squadrons
- a regiment consists of 3 wings

There are 2 - 3 Flieger Regiments in a Flieger Division.

5. More than 90 percent of the aircraft in a Flieger Division are MIG-17's. The remaining few aircraft, such as observation planes, transport and cargo planes, belong to non-fighter elements of the Flieger Division. The emphasis is completely on jet fighters. There are no bomber units in existence or contemplated, although there are bomber aircraft which would be used for tactical support of ground troop movements in the event of hostilities.
6. There are no Soviet pilots in the Flieger Divisions. Presumably many of the Flieger Division unit commanders had combat experience during the Korean War.

Pilot Training

7. More than 90 percent of the instructors assigned to the East German Air Force are
8. The Flieger Officers' School in Kamenz is the site for pre-flight instruction and flight training in conventional aircraft only. The course lasts four years. When a student is actually ready to fly, after about a year and a half at the school, he and one other student pilot are assigned a Soviet instructor, who stays with those two students for the remaining 2½ - 3 years of the course. On completing this school a pilot is sent either to the Flieger Training and Testing Regiment in Drewitz or to the Transport and Bomber Pilot School in Dessau.
9. Pilots sent to the Flieger Training and Testing Regiment in Drewitz receive advanced training in MIG-17 jet aircraft. One Soviet instructor is assigned for every two students. On completion of this course the new jet pilot is assigned to one of the Flieger Divisions.

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10. Pilots sent to the Transport and Bomber Pilot School in Dessau are trained for multiple-engine aircraft, likewise working with one Soviet instructor for every two students. They fly IL-14 and conventional aircraft and, on completion of the course, are considered qualified transport and bomber pilots. Some of the graduates from this school are assigned to the Flieger Divisions; others remain in Dessau, where an unknown number of transport aircraft are permanently maintained.
11. No details are available concerning instruction at the Flieger Technical School in Drewitz. It is not known whether this school is administered under the Instruction and Training office or the Technical Department of the East German Air

Testing and Construction

12. Aircraft delivered to East Germany from the Soviet Union are first test flown by the Flieger Training and Testing Regiment in Drewitz. If the tests are satisfactory the aircraft are then delivered to the Flieger Divisions.
13. The Flieger Technical Developmental and Experimental Center in Pirna-Sonnenstein is the installation where jet engine prototypes are developed and tested. All of the employees are NVA personnel, although most of them wear civilian clothes. Although officially designated "Flieger-technische Entwicklungs- Erprobungsstelle", this center is known by the cover name "VEB Forschungs- und Entwicklungsstelle Pirna-Sonnenstein".
14. The Flieger Technical Kommando attached to the Dresden-Hellerau aircraft factories has the task of ensuring that the aircraft under construction at these factories are built in accordance with East German Air Force specifications. The Technicians assigned to this Kommando are specialists in various fields of aircraft construction.

Description of Attachment:

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Organization Chart of the East German Air Force.



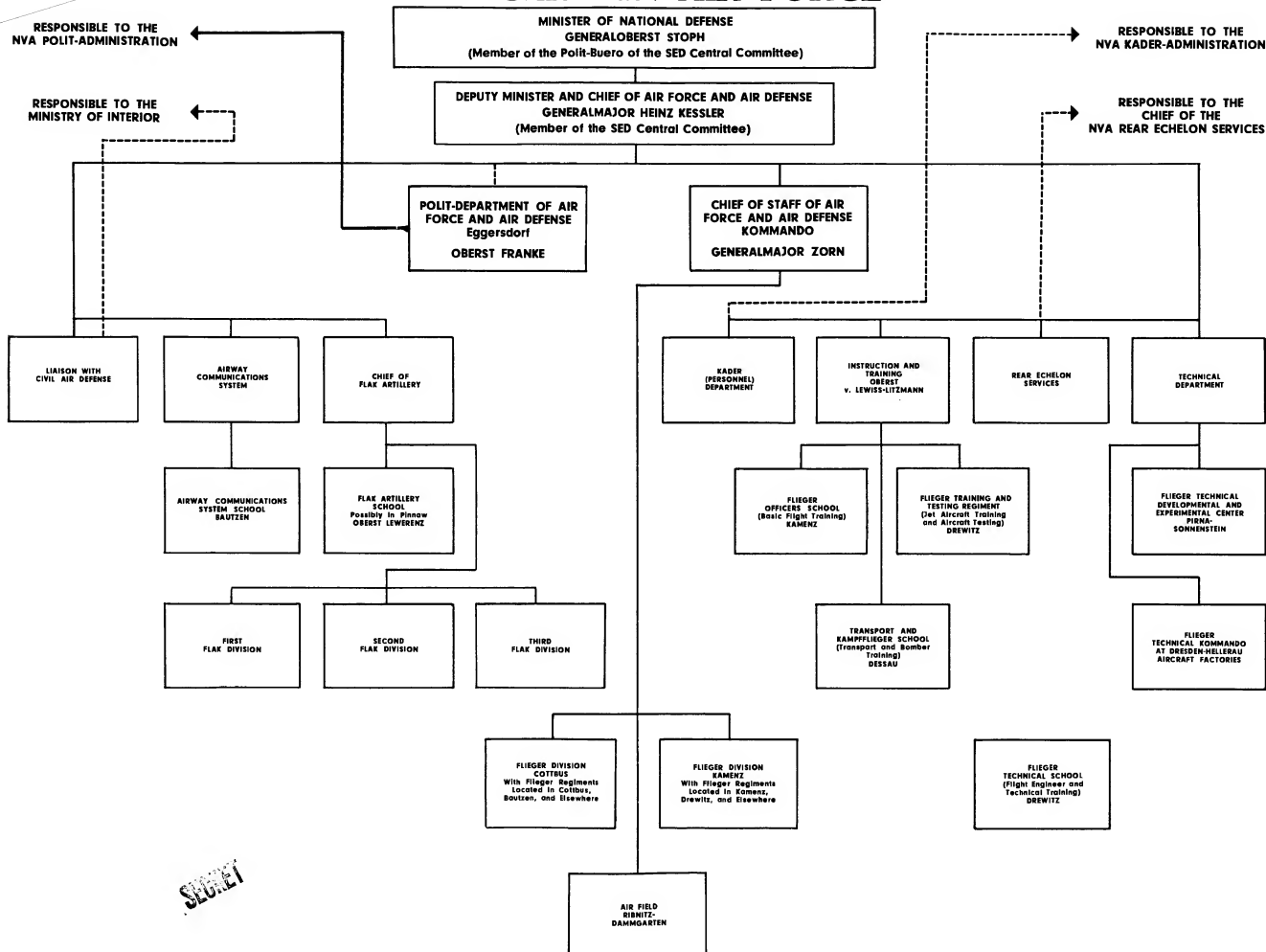
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